GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
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Unemployment
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether pace of unemployment has risen in the country during recent years and if so, the details thereof indicating the number of unemployed persons both in the rural and urban areas in the country including Chhattisgarh and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for eradication of unemployment in the country and the achievements made as a result thereof during the said period, year and State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;
(c) whether any survey/study has been conducted to ascertain employment and unemployment situation in the country and if so, the details and the findings thereof, State/UT-wise along with the follow-up action taken/being taken thereon;
(d) whether the Government has framed/proposes to frame new National Employment Policy and if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for eradication of unemployment/creation of more employment opportunities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *7 DUE FOR REPLY ON 17-7-2017 BY SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY AND SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE REGARDING "UNEMPLOYMENT".

(a): As per the result of surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis was 4% during 2012-13 and 3.7% during 2015-16 in the country including Chhattisgarh. The state-wise details are at Annexure-I.
(b): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The state wise details of these schemes are at Annexure-II, III, IV and V.
Government is also implementing schemes like Make-in-India, Digital India, Skill India, Swachch Bharat, Start-up India, Smart City projects etc.,towards creation of more employment opportunities for job seekers.
(c): To ascertain employment and unemployment situation in the country, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducts labour force surveys on employment and unemployment in the country. The last such survey by NSSO was conducted during 2011-12 and as per the survey results the unemployment rate on usual status basis was 2.2%. In addition, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment conducts Employment-Unemployment Surveys annually and as per the survey results of 2015-16 the unemployment rate on usual status basis for persons aged 15 years and above was 3.7%.

(d) & (e): Employment generation is a key priority of the Government and it has focused on making employment opportunities accessible to unemployed persons. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal VikasYojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. Individuals with prior learning experience or skills will also be assessed and certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), MSDE, numbers of persons skilled across various sectors were 1.04 crore during 2015-16. Government announced a booster package of Rs. 6000 crores for the textile sector which is an employment intensive sector.
Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for jobseekers and employers for job matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content.
A new Scheme Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in the year 2016-17 for incentivising industry for promoting employment generation with the allocation of Rs.1000 crore. Under this scheme employers would be provided an incentive to enhance employment where the Government will pay the employer's contribution of 8.33% EPS for new employees. In textiles (apparel and made-ups) sector, the Government will also pay the 3.67% EPF

contribution of employers in addition to paying the 8.33% EPS contribution.
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